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For : BATTERY PACK APPARATUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-167803, which was published on June 22, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-102099, which was published on April 13, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the specification of the present application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,709,783 to OGATA et al., which issued on March 23, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0004461 to HAMADA et al., which was published on January 8, 2004; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0211384 to HAMADA et al., which was published on November 13, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/785,989 to KIMOTO, entitled "Cooling Device for Battery Pack," which was filed on February 26, 2004; and

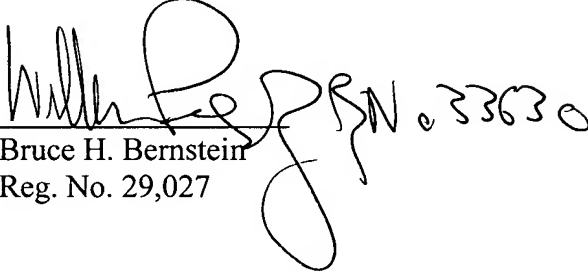
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/806,116 to KIMOTO et al., entitled "Battery Pack Apparatus," which was filed on March 23, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER							DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6	7	0	9	7	8	3	03/23/04	OGATA et al.			
2004	/	0	0	0	4	4	6	1	01/08/04	HAMADA et al.			
2003	/	0	2	1	1	3	8	4	11/13/03	HAMADA et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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200	1	-	1	6	7	8	0	3	06/022/01	JAPAN				
200	1	-	1	0	2	0	9	9	04/13/01	JAPAN				

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-167803.
	2	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-102099.

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